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SUBJECT: REPORT OF MORE SOVIET WEAPONS ARRIVING FOR MPLA

1. THE AMCIT CAPTAIN OF AN OIL COMPANY WORKBOAT TOLD CABINDA GULF OFFICIALS THAT ON JUNE 8-9 HE SAW SOVIET MILITARY VEHICLES ("TARPAULIN COVERED WITH CANNON STICKING OUT") BEING UNLOADED FROM A SOVIET SHIP NAMED THE "CAPT ANTRACK" (OR SOMETHING SIMILAR) AT POINTE NOIRE, CONGO BRAZZAVILLE.

2. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO REPORTS SEEING CRATES BEING TRANSFERRED FROM A SOVIET TRAWLER TO ANGOLAN FISHING BOATS AT A BEACH APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES SOUTH OF THE CONGO RIVER MOUTH.

3. ON JUNE 10 A MIDDLE-LEVEL FNLA OFFICIAL WHO SERVES IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT TOLD A U.S. JOURNALIST THAT IN ADDITION TO CONTROL OF THE ROAD TO LUANDA, THE QUIFONDONGO-CUACUACO AND SA'ZAIRE FIGHTING IS AN ATTEMPT BY MPLA TO SECURE
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AREAS TO LAND RUSSIAN-DONATED MATERIALS TRANSSHIPPED FROM

POINTE NOIRE. THE SAME OFFICIAL SAID FNLA NOW MUST GO ALL OUT IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT MPLA.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE THE WORKBOAT SKIPPER'S STORY BUT ARE PASSING IT ON FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH. PARA 2 IS ONLY THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF REPORTS OF MPLA ARMS ARRIVING BY SEA. AS FOR FNLA BEING ABOUT TO MOUNT ITS MAJOR OFFENSIVE, WE'VE HEARD THAT CONSTANTLY FROM THEIR PEOPLE. THE LATEST VERSION HAS IT THAT THE BIG PUSH WILL BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK AND THAT THE "MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED" BY THE END OF JUNE.
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